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# INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO TEST NEW CRAB CLEANER UNDER COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS

The machine has been hailed as a major breakthrough for the crab industry. After extensive testing by the Bureau's Technology Laboratory at College Park, Md., will be loaned to industry for testing under commercial conditions.

Donald L. McKernan, Bureau Director, said research is continuing to develop attachments to the machine which will further automate the blue crab cleaning process. He said future research will aim at devising machinery to remove any flake meat remaining in the crab as well as meat from the claws.

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